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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

This application also is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/795,292, filed January 14, 1999 (converted to a U.S. Non-Provisional Application from U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/115,920, filed January 14, 1999), also is a continuation-in-part of International application No. PCT/EP97/05251, filed September 24, 1997, and also is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/719,806, filed September 25, 1996.

The contents of U.S. application Serial No. 09/423,783 and U.S. Application Serial No. 09/785,292 (converted from U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/115,920), are incorporated herein by reference.

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**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 3, 24-40, 42-46, 48-68 and 71-94 without prejudice or disclaimer.

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*E2*  
**Please add claims 100-103 as follows:**

- 100. The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 7, wherein said molecule is contained in plasmid pCLF.
- 101. The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 100 that has the sequence of nucleotides set forth in SEQ ID No. 8.—
- 102. A plasmid having all of the identifying characteristics of a plasmid deposited at the ATCC under accession no. 97737.—
- 103. A plasmid having all of the identifying characteristics of a plasmid deposited at the ATCC under accession no. PTA-1144, PTA-1145, PTA-1146, PTA-1147 or PTA-1148.—

Please replace pending claims 1, 2, 4-6, 9, 10, 12, 21-23, 47 96, 97 and 99 with amended claims 1, 2, 4-6, 9, 10, 12, 21-23, 47, 96, 97 and 99 as follows:

*E3*

- 1. (Amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising:  
a sequence of nucleotides encoding an adenovirus tripartite leader (TPL), wherein the TPL-encoding sequence of nucleotides comprises: (a) first and second different TPL exons or (b) first, second and third TPL exons such that at least two are different TPL exons, wherein said TPL exons are selected from the